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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/920,236	<b>Applicant(s)</b> YAMAMOTO, NORMAN	
	<b>Examiner</b> Nasser Ahmad	<b>Art Unit</b> 1772	

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 and 18-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 16 and 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

#### ***Rejections withdrawn***

1. Claims 1-2, 4-6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Forman (5712012) in the last Office Action has been withdrawn in view of the amendment filed on July 18, 2005.
2. Claims 9-12 rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Parker has been withdrawn in view of the amendment.

#### ***Allowability Withdrawn***

3. Indicated allowability of claims 7, 13-14, 16 and 18-19 has been withdrawn in view of the newly discovered prior art.

#### ***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-28 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-2, 4, 6-10, 12-15, 18-21, 23, 25 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Boudet (3950580).

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Boudet relates to a paper sheet (1) having at least one strip one strip of adhesive (2) on one surface thereon and adjacent one of the edges, and a plurality of liners (4, 5) positioned over the adhesive strips, One of the liners (4) being located between the side edge and another one of the liner strip (5). The adhesive is pressure sensitive adhesive (PSA). The adhesive strip (2) can be a plurality of adhesive strips (col. 1, lines 47-510. with plurality of liners. Respectively positioned over the adhesive strips.

When the adhesive is a single strip with a plurality of liners, each of the liner will have a width that is less than that of the adhesive strip. As shown in the drawings the liners (4, 50 are positioned closely adjacent to one another. Drawing also shows that the sheet has intersecting side edges with a first adhesive strip (2) adjacent a first edge and a second adhesive strip (5) adjacent a second edge, and that the adhesive strips extend from edge to edge.

The preamble phrase "printable media" is directed to an intended use of the claimed product and hence, has not been given any patentable weight as it is not found to be of positive limitation.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 3, 11, 22, 24, 26 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boudet .

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Boudet, as discussed above, fails to teach that the sheet is 8.5 x 11 inches in size. It would have been obvious matter of design choice to modify Boudet by providing the sheet to have 8.5 x 11 inches size, since such a modification would have involved in a mere change in the size of the component. A change in size is generally recognized to be within the level of ordinary skill in the art. *In re Rose*, 105 USPQ 237 (CCPA 1955).

7. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boudet. Boudet, as discussed above, fails to teach that one adhesive strip extends only partially from one edge of the sheet. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify Boudet to provide one adhesive strip to extend only partially thereby facilitating ease of removing the sheet from the applied surface because it is well known in the adhesive art that the adhesive strength will less when the surface area is less.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

8. Claims 16 and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The prior art uncovered so far fails to teach that the first and second intersecting adhesive strips covered with first and second liners, wherein the liners include mitered ends adjacent to the common longitudinal end of the two edges, or that the liner includes a separate corner member adjacent to said common edge.


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**Conclusion**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nasser Ahmad whose telephone number is 571-272-1487. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, and on alternate Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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